LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TRIVANDRUM

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, *the*—

14th of December 1931.

28th of Vrischigam 1107.

The House met at half-past Eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, A. Eachara Menon, A. I. Mani, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, and I. Raman Menon were absent.

Swearing in of new Members.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Government Advocate and Law Officer), Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Member for Irinjalakkuda), Dr. A. R. Menon (Member for Cheruvirutti), Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar (Secretary to the Diwan) and Mr. P. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar (Comptroller of Accounts), took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council—I must first extend to all Hon'ble Members a warm welcome to this Legislative Session of the Council. There is before us a considerable volume of legislative and other work to discharge. Amongst the resolutions, the most important one relates to the future of the Ernakulam College. Owing to the fact that the University orders have not yet been received on the plans which were prepared according to the Council's decision at the Budget Session to retain the College at Ernakulam, the Council has another opportunity to consider that motion. I am sure that in the consideration of this resolution and the other works before us, the Council will display that impartial attitude (*Hear, hear*) and careful consideration which the subjects require. In conclusion, I must once more request the Hon'ble Members for their help, co-operation and support in the discharge of the duties of the Chair. (*Hear, hear*).

We shall now proceed with the business of the day—first item, Questions and Answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Ferries—rates of fares.

1. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

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(1) the number of Government ferries in the State where notice boards giving rates of fares are not put up;

(2) whether they are aware that some ferry contractors are collecting excessive fares?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— (1) Notice boards were put up for 63 major ferries in the State. About 43 notice boards are now reported to have been washed away by floods. No notice boards have been put up for 59 ferries as they are monsoon or minor ones.

(2) Yes. There were some stray cases and the ferry contractors were adequately dealt with.

Strength of certain Schools—Pallippuram Village.

2. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give:—

(a) (i) the year of starting; (ii) the strength of students at present; (iii) the number of classes and divisions at present and (iv) the total area of the school building of each of the following schools of the Pallippuram Village:—1. The S. S. Araya School. 2. B. V. R. School and 3. The St. George's School;

(b) the number of students in each of the Lower Secondary classes of the S. S. Araya School and the B. V. R. School;

(c) the number of students from Travancore in (1) Primary classes and (2) the Lower Secondary classes in each of the S. S. Araya School and the B. V. R. School?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

(a) S. S. Araya School, Pallippuram.—
- i. 1095
- ii. 322.
- iii. 8 classes and 12 divisions.
- iv. 2305½ sq. ft.

B. V. R. School, Cherai.—
- i. 1095.
- ii. 556.
- iii. 6 classes and 15 divisions.
- iv. 4995 sq. ft.

St. George's School.—
- i. 1095.
- ii. 250.
- iii. 5 classes and 9 divisions.
- iv. 2200 sq. ft.

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